

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
September 18, 2019**

Chairman Connolly, Selectman Boisoneau, Selectman Devault, Selectman Dziokonski, and Selectman Kerrigan were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Connolly opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Public Comment

There was none.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from September 4, 2019 Selectmen's meeting for review and approval. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Utility Pole Installation Public Hearing –(Continued) Chace Street

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing, Ms. Laura Napolitano of National Grid was before the board to review the request. She explained the request is for the improvement of service, to support a stub pole in place of a tree which will be removed, that hosts a guide wire. Ms. Napolitano reviewed the neighbor asked to move the pole location away from his driveway and it has been agreed to move it. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for questions from the board, there were none. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor of the project, there was none, in opposition, there was none. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the request as presented for the stub pole on Chace Street. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Utility Conduit Installation Public Hearing – Bufton Farm Road

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing. Ms. Laura Napolitano of National Grid was before the board to review the request. She explained the request is for the addition of service, to support a new home at 2 Bufton Farm Road, the conduit is needed to supply service. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for questions from the board, there were none. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for Public Comment, in favor of the project, there was none, in opposition, there was none. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the request as presented for the utility conduit on Bufton Farm Road. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Liberty Compassion Recreational Marijuana – 179 Brook Street

Chairman Connolly invited the representatives from Liberty Compassion Center forward for discussion on a Host Community Agreement for the proposed facility located at 179 Brook Street. Mr. Vincent Giordano was before the board. He explained the original host agreement outlines payments to the town for the sales on medical only. He explained Attorney Bill O'Neil was working with the Solicitor on the Host Community Agreement. The state of Massachusetts requires a distinct separation for adult recreational and medical use. Medical use can only sell in their own stores. He explained the proposed agreement is 3% on adult use with 1% on medical use with a minimum of \$100,000, per year. He explained he understands all the agreements now are 3%. Solicitor Gibbons explained this was the original medical host agreement the town entered, at the time it wasn't a percentage, the agreement was for \$10,000 the first year, \$25,000 the second year \$50,000 the third and \$100,000 on year 5 & 6. The board approved going forward with the recreation side, the agreement under review is 3% on the recreational side and 1% on medical with a minimum of \$100,000. He reviewed prior agreements have been 3% for both medical and recreational, like the existing with TYCA Green. Chairman Connolly explained this was the first host agreement entered into by the town, now you are returning to the town asking for additional agreement for recreational. He asked Mr. Giordano if he was willing to amend the medical to 3%. Mr. Giordano explained that is not unreasonable to a certain degree they are committed to the cost they've had to get established; they are substantial costs. Chairman Connolly asked for consideration of 3% after 3 years. Mr. Giordano explained he can consider it and he appreciated the situation, he asked for a collaborative effort by the town can the \$100,000 be lessened. Chairman Connolly asked for how much less. Attorney O'Neil explained after three years it will be 3%, Mr. Giordano agreed explained they will be established. Attorney O'Neil explained 1% or no less than \$100,000 over the first three years, Mr. Giordano agreed. Attorney O'Neil explained they have been to the Planning Board and have received approval for the site plan, they have received the written decision now they will wait the appeal period. Mr. Giordano explained he held a public meeting at the Senior Center and notified all the neighbors through a mailing, some showed up. Meeting went well and some came for tour of the building. Chairman Connolly reviewed the agreements are 3% on all recreational adult use after year 3, with 1% or no less than \$100,000 for the first three years, year 4 three percent. Selectman Devault asked if there was a way to forecast the recreation and medical uses. Mr. Giordano explained it is difficult, majority rapid growth and increase in recreational. He explained 80% of the companies in Massachusetts are recreational. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve Town Counsel to work with Liberty Compassion to amend the host agreement for recreation

adult use with 1% of sales to the town no less than \$100,000 for years 1,2 & 3 and on year 4 three percent, and thereafter. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Attorney O'Neil asked when will it start on a fiscal or calendar year, he asked for clarification. Chairman Connolly explained they are similar. The vote was unanimous.

Goals & Objectives Discussion

Administrator Ward presented the board with a listing of all the board members submissions including how they were rated for priority. Chairman Connolly explained the board will discuss; some are currently being worked on by subcommittees. The board decided to bullet out finer points of each goal.

- *Surplus Town Property* - Government Affairs Committee, Review of Equipment and Land
- *Sidewalk Snow Removal* – Communications & Marketing Committee, Review with DPW Superintendent, produce a mailing to residents outlining expectation. Execution, Education and Enforcement will be discussed
- *Organizational Personnel* – Personnel Board & Human Resource Director, Review of Staffing and Evaluations
- *Town Meeting Participation* - Communications & Marketing Committee, increase citizen participation in elections, volunteerism on Boards & Committee, recommendations to enhance town meeting to increase participation
- *Liquor License Issues* - Government Affairs Committee, create a policy for pocket licenses review options to increase the number of license available to the town, investigate ways to increase inventory of licenses available
- *Appointment of Policy Boards* - Government Affairs Committee, review the appointments of policy making boards under the Board of Selectmen
- *Cannabis Licensing* – Review an accounting outline to identify where the funding is being used in town, determine does revenue go to General Fund or establish a Cannabis Fund
- *Advanced Life Support Study Project* – Consider costs to implement, analyze consultant report
- *Town Buildings Master Plan* – Facility Director to evaluate town properties to identify use, create a report of needed repairs and maintenance plan for properties
- *Graffiti Cleanup Plan* - Determine Town property or Rail Road Property, determine if Rail Road bridges are able to painted by the town
- *Downtown Parking* – Downtown Revitalization Committee, identify enforcement mechanism needed, increase the number of available spaces, clean existing pathways from parking area to downtown, High Street

Chairman Connolly explained this was a great review, the subcommittees will continue to work on issues and report back to the board.

Administrative Business

One Day Beer & Wine License

Chairman Connolly explained the board received an application from Jim Holbrook of Berkshire Hathaway to host a One Day Beer & Wine Permit to be used in conjunction with an upcoming fundraising event for Sunshine Kids Foundation event to be held on October 17, 2019, at the Ridgefield Condominium Club House. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the request for One Day Beer & Wine Permit to Jim Holbrook of Berkshire Hathaway for the October 17, 2019 Fundraising event. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Simple Man Saloon Motorcycle Fundraiser Parking Request

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board has received a request from Simple Man Saloon for permission to reserve spaces in front of the restaurant on Sunday, September, 21, 2019 from 9:00AM - 11:00AM and 1:30PM – 3:30PM to be used in conjunction with Fundraiser event, to be held at the establishment. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Oktoberfest Banner Request

Chairman Connolly reviewed Clinton Turn Verein is requesting to hang a banner on town owned property at 350 High Street to advertise the upcoming Oktoberfest September 28, 2019. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the request as presented, allowing the banner be hung to advertise the upcoming event and please be removed soon after the event. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Bed Race Award Display

Chairman Connolly reviewed the Olde Home Day Committee has requested permission to display their Bed Race Golden Bedpan Award in a prominent location at Town Hall. He asked Administrator Ward to show the award to the board. Upon review Chairman Connolly explained he cannot think of an appropriate place to display the award. Selectman Dziokonski agreed. Chairman Connolly explained there is no trophy case to display in, this is a community activity, but there are a lot of them and the board cannot set a precedence. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to deny the request. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was 4/1oppositon Selectman Devault.

Green Communities Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy

Administrator Ward reviewed as a requirement of the Green Communities Designation the board needs to adopt a Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Policy for town departments. He reviewed this will have to be accepted by the School Department he plans to share the policy with the Superintendent. He explained the impact or burden on the town is not great, vehicles are exempt like the public safety vehicles and the school vans. He explained he plans to share with the Superintendent of Schools for review and get an update from MRPC.

Clinton Housing Authority Vacancy

Town Administrator Ward explained the board received notice from the Director of the Housing Authority that a vacancy exists, due to the recent passing of a board member. The elected position must be filled by a joint appointment of the remaining members of the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Connolly reviewed this will be scheduled at the next Selectmen's meeting to be held on October 2, 2019. Administrator Ward explained anyone with interest please submit a letter of interest.

General Correspondence

Selectman Kerrigan announced in response to the EEE threat, the Central Mass Mosquito Control Project will continue with their planned treatment. The upcoming dates are September 23rd and 30th. Administrator Ward reviewed residents have the option to opt out, you can go online to the Central Mass Mosquito Control website. Selectman Kerrigan asked for the link to be added to the town web page.

Committee Reports

Tax Title Property Subcommittee

Selectman Boisoneau reviewed he held a meeting of the Tax Title Takings Committee to review the list of properties. He distributed the list of properties to the board, explaining there are 11 lots at the end of Lindberg Street, they plan to try to market together as one. There is also a piece of property on North Walnut Street, an abandoned trailer, the town has received complaints on. There is also a lot on Plain Street. Selectman Boisoneau made a motion to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the plan to dispose of the properties on the list. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the 11 lots on Lindberg Street may be land locked and hard to sell. Selectman Boisoneau explained this is why they are proposing putting them together. Selectman Dziokonski also reviewed the Suprenants and High Street properties went through the process at town meeting to go out for RFP. This process has been used in the past like on the Cocoran House property and the old Sesia Motors which worked out well for the town. The vote was unanimous. The board thanked Mr. Boisoneau and the committee. Selectman Boisoneau explained there are 22 properties coming up.

Government Affairs Committee

Chairman Connolly reviewed there was a meeting held recently, the discussion was a review of the committees' goals & objectives. A short list was created, to develop a pocket liquor license policy, review a policy regarding selling a liquor license as an asset, and review increasing the inventory of liquor licenses in town. Selectman Dziokonski reviewed the committee also discussed the ongoing project of the best community practices. Under way is a review of the permitting processes, a consultant has been hired to conduct a review and report back to the town. This will establish a guide for interested business and residents seeking permit approval. Updates will be provided throughout the process.

Cable Television Commission

Selectman Kerrigan reviewed a meeting was held prior to the board meeting, it was attended by Clinton High School Principal Scott Czermak and CHS Library Media Specialist Joe Keating. Good discussion on the aspirations down the road. Contract negotiations are underway. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, at 6:00PM.

Clinton Holiday Pops Donation Request

Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the same amount that had been given last year. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Kerrigan explained this is a great event for the community. Ticket information is available on the Park & Recreation website. The vote was unanimous.

Selectman Devault Kerrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero

Executive Assistant Clinton Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator